

Riverside Beaver County School District

Health Services

MEDICATION GUIDELINES

The Riverside School District recognizes that parents have the primary responsibility for the health of their children. Although the district strongly recommends that medication be given in the home, it realizes that the health of some children requires that they receive medication while in school. Parents should confer with the child's physician to arrange medication time intervals to avoid school hours whenever possible. When medication absolutely must be given during school hours, certain procedures must be followed.

Prescription/Non-prescription Medication

The parents and physician must sign the consent form for the medication (see the school nurse for a form).

Any medication to be given during school hours must be delivered to the school nurse by the parent or a responsible adult. The medication must be brought to school in a pharmaceutically- dispensed and properly-labeled container. Students are not permitted to carry any medications in school or to transport them to or from school. This includes Tylenol, Motrin, Ibuprofen, etc. Non-prescription medication must come to school in the original container.

The only exception is Emergency Medications such as inhalers and Epi-Pens. They are allowed to be carried with physician permission, parent permission and proper demonstration of use to the school nurse. The school nurse must be notified every time medication is self-administered.

Unused medication should be picked up by the parents. All medication not picked up by the parent at the end of the school year will be disposed of by the school nurse.

When a student requires medication, he/she should report to the nurse. The nurse will keep a record of how often a student receives the medication.

If a parent/guardian signs the Emergency Card in the designated area, then the school nurse may give Tylenol or Advil tablets for the following conditions:

- *Temperature above 100 degrees
- *Complaints of headache
- *dental pain
- *menstrual cramps
- *earaches,
- *muscle aches

A standing order from the school physician permits this. Tylenol and Advil in tablet/liquid form will be kept in the health office. Tums may also be given for stomach discomfort.